Application No.: 10/807,321 Takuya KAWAMURA Preliminary Amendment

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 are pending and Claims 1, 5-9, 13-16, 20-22, and 24 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amendments is found at least in the originally filed specification at page 23, line 8 to page 23, line 20, and Figures 5 and 6. Thus, no new matter is added.

Accordingly, an examination on the merits of Claims 1-24 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Customer Number Eckhard H. Kuesters
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 28,870

Tel: (703) 413-3000 Fax: (703) 413 -2220 (OSMMN 03/06)

I:\ATTY\MS\Prosecution\25s\251010US\251010US-pr.poc